

# Hospitals Are Not Hotels: High-Quality Discharges Occur Around The Clock

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High-quality health care is judged by its safety, effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness, patient centeredness, and equity.<sup>1</sup> In practice, recent hospital quality efforts have focused on safety, high reliability, clinical pathways, patient flow, and reduction of readmissions,<sup>2</sup> which link to the 6 domains of quality and drive high-value care. Because it receives much attention, this discussion focuses on measuring the quality of patient flow, with particular focus on the discharge process.

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